

**NBC BRIEFING**

**28 May 1956**

**KHRUSHCHEV'S SECRET SPEECH**

- I. Text obtained**
- II. Illustrations of Stalin's brutality**
  - A. Tortures used**
  - B. 70% of Central Committee purged in 1934.**
  - C. Situation aggravated after World War II**
  - D. Tortures during Doctor's Plot**
- III. Failure to anticipate Nazi-invasion**
- IV. Several charges did not come to light earlier**
  - A. Lenin's letter**
  - B. Kirov's murder**
  - C. Current rehabilitation**
  - D. Stalin against Zhukov**
  - E. Plans to restaff the Politburo**
- V. Definition of Stalin's good and bad periods.**
- VI. Current corrective measures**
  - A. reevaluation of World War II**
  - B. Revision of history**
  - C. Removal of names**
  - D. Collective leadership**
- VII. Topics not in the speech**
  - A. Brutality during collectivization**
  - B. Tukhachevsky and 5,000 purged officers**
  - C. Katyn**

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- D. Murder of second wife**
- E. Violent nationalism and anti-Semitism**
- F. Khrushchev humiliated**

**VIII. New clues to the system**

- A. Many abuses not mentioned**
- B. Old leaders about to be purged**
- C. Khrushchev's patronizing approach**
- D. Gratuitous remarks in favor of Zhukov**
- E. Significant omissions**

**IX. Myth shattered but consequences dangerous.**